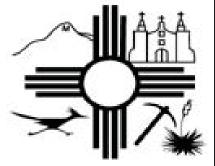
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Socorro is a beautiful place to live, wouldn't you agree?

Presided over by M-Mountain with the Quebradas to the east, we have great sunrises and sunsets. And closer to home we have beautiful public spaces: our historic Plaza, School of Mines Road, the medians on California (have you noticed they've been redone recently?) If all of this inspires you to clean up your own yard and neighborhood, now is a good time to start. Get a jump on the weeds by putting down the weedblock before they start to grow. Clean out that garage and spiff up your landscaping before it gets too hot. Incorporating visual beauty into our community is an effective method for raising property values, reducing crime, enhancing our economy and improving public health.

And we mean CLEAN!

You may notice the City Sanitation crew picking up more than just your garbage in the next several weeks. It's true—they'll be taking away your garbage bin as well—but, not to worry! They will be replacing it with a bin that has been thoroughly washed and cleaned. At right, Landfill and Sanitation Superintendent Michael Lucero demonstrates the attention each bin will receive.

Speaking of Cleaning Up...

In late December, Police Chief George Van Winkle accepted, on behalf of his department, the 2010 Governor's Award for DWI Superblitz Performance. The award, a nice plaque and an even nicer \$10,000 grant, was delivered in person by Rachel O'Connor, Governor Richardson's "DWI Czar." Socorro was recognized above nearly 65 other small departments for its reduction in DWI's and DWI fatalities within the City, as well as performing the superblitzes, saturation patrols and turning in all the paperwork to the State on time. The money will be used to equip five of the patrol cars with video cameras.

Employee Anniversaries

Adolfo Baca, Jr. 5 years Joshua Gonzalez 5 years Andrew Lucero 5 years



February 25-27 Battle(s!) for Socorro Civil War Re-enactment

Skirmishes! Sieges! Battles! Cavalry competitions! Fashion shows! Fandangos! Tea! Root beer! For more information: 835-8927.

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